



The New Year is here and January is gone already. Things are moving very fast in 4-H and we have many events that are rapidly approaching. Be sure to “check out” the 4-H Calendar on the back page of this issue. It will list the dates of most upcoming events. The County Council minutes (January 19) also included in this issue will give a little more information about many of these events. HINT! It’s even better to come to Council Meetings where you will get all the information and help make decisions.

Please NOTE! There are 2 events

in this issue that I would like to highlight: These are the Suwannee River Fair Concession Stand and County Events.


1. It is 4-H’s year to work the concession stand. We will need plenty of 4-H youth and adults to volunteer to work in the stand. It is one of the major ways we make money to conduct many of our activities as well as offer opportunities to our 4-Hers.
2. County Events is coming up in April but now is the time to start preparing demonstrations, illustrated talks and speeches for this event. As we get busy with

the fairs and state shooting sports events it is easy to forget about these things. They will come up immediately after the fairs and shooting events.

Every 4-Her should plan on doing something at County Events. Now is the time to start selecting topics and developing an outline for your presentation.

*Albert Fuller 4H*

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County Extension Director 4-H

**IMPORTANT**   
**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
FEB. 16 - 6:30 PM  
**4-H ADVISORY MEETING**  
FEB. 17 - 5:30 PM - OVERALL - 7 PM



*Coming Soon!*  
**COUNTY EVENTS**

Now is the time to get your ideas, projects, speeches and other entries ready for the Levy County Events.

**APRIL 25, 2015 - LEVY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**

You can access all the information you need on our website at <http://levy.ifas.ufl.edu> including some great videos tips for demonstrations and public speaking.

If you have questions, need help, or want to practice your speech or demonstration with an audience, contact our office and someone will be glad to assist you.

This year Levy County will also be hosting the area’s 4-H District Events and we want to see our clubs represented!

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**JOINT COUNCIL**

Meeting called to order at: 6:35 pm  
American Pledge and 4-H Pledge were said  
Roll Call – there was a quorum  
Secretary Report  
Treasurer’s Report

**Garden Project**

Dietrich Stewart - There will be a meeting of that project February 02, 2015 at 5pm at the Extension Office.

**State Fair**

February 7<sup>th</sup> in Tampa, FL – 4-H Day - Wear a 4H shirt or jacket or show 4H I.D. to get in free. Doesn’t include rides.

**Suwannee River Fair**

March 5-7 and March 13-18

The **S,R,Fair Exhibitor List** will soon need to be approved by the Extension Office.

Any Levy County 4H member who wishes to exhibit at the fair must be a member in good standing (paperwork turned in) in order to be approved, otherwise they will be dropped from the exhibitors list and not permitted to show at this year’s fair.

Members and leaders are strongly encouraged to be sure their paperwork

is in order and has been turned in to the Extension Office in Bronson.

**SR Fair Concession Stand** - This is the 4H year to run the concession stand.

We will need to provide staff. 2-3 slots to volunteer - Work ranges from filling drinks to working the grill - Attire – 4H Shirts, apron - You WILL get dirty - Older junior and up to work - Schedule to come in February. Menu suggestions for Concession Stand were discussed.

**County Events**

**April 25th at the Extension Office**

Participants will only be allowed to compete in a maximum of TWO categories not to include non-real time areas such as photography and posters. We need volunteers and judges. If youth need help with supplies 4-H will help with supplies out of courtesy. If you are not needed in other rooms stay in your presentation room

Immediately afterwards there will be a pizza party and ice cream social for all participants who competed. Winners of the County Events competition will have their names/photos on the 2015 County Events Wall of Fame.

**District Events**

**May 9 - Bronson Middle/High**

Need volunteers to help: Judges – District 4-H Colligate, Judges - County – need to supply , Contact Lacy to be put on a volunteer list to judge,

Demo workshop – March – live demonstrations to show how they are done. Bring ideas for this year.

**County Council**

**Meeting Dates**

February 16 – 6:30 p.m. confirmed. March 16 changed to March 23 due to SRF events.

**Overall/4-H**

**Advisory Meeting Date**

February 17 starting at 5:30pm (4-H) 7:00 (Overall)

**ADULT COUNCIL**

Mostly explored and amplified the topics discussed in the Joint Council. Discussion was made of setting up a booth to sell bottled water at the Levy Count Fair. There is probably not time now to accomplish this for the 2015 fair, but further discussion about doing so at the 2016 fair will be undertaken at future meetings.

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The Day Camp Sampler Club took a hiking trip. There were twelve youths and two adults who hiked the Withlacoochee Bay Trail.

*From FloridaStateParks.org* “The Withlacoochee Bay Trail traverses 5 miles west from the Felburn Park Trailhead to the Gulf of Mexico, along the southern side of the former Cross Florida Barge Canal. This 12-foot wide, multi-use paved trail runs adjacent to the barge canal for the first 2.5 miles and then switches its path to the south side of the "berm" that was created by the canal's excavation. The westernmost 2.5 miles of the trail runs through scenic maritime hammock and salt marsh habitats. Bicycling, walking or inline skating on the paved trail provide numerous opportunities to observe wildlife along the route.”

**DAY CAMP SAMPLER CLUB**



# SUWANNEE RIVER FAIR SCHEDULE

## MAR. 5-7 & 13-18

Wednesday, March 4:	Scholarship Application Deadline
Thursday, March 5:	
3:00p - 7:00p	- Poultry & Rabbit Entry
5:00p	- Dog Show Entry
6:00p	- Dog Obedience Show
Friday, March 6	
4:00p - 6:00p	- Dairy Cow, Goat & Heifer Entry
5:30p	- Cloverbud Rabbit Show/Showmanship
After Cloverbud	- Rabbit Show
6:00p	- Poultry Show
6:00p	- Poultry & Rabbit Showmanship
Saturday, March 7:	
7:30a - 8:00a	- Horse Entry
8:30a	- Horse Show
After Horse Show	- Gymkhana (Speed) Contest
8:30a - 10:30a	- Dairy Cow Show/ Showmanship
After Show	- Dairy Cow Release
10:30a - 12:30p	- Dairy/Meat Goat Showmanship
After Showmanship	- Dairy/Meat Goat Shows
After Goat Shows	- Dairy/Meat Goat Release
After Contests	- Ag - Management Contest
11:00a - 2:00p	- Rabbit & Poultry Release
2:00p - 4:00p	- Heifer Show
4:00p	- Home Grown Heifer Show
After Show	- Heifer Showmanship
After Home Grown	
Friday, March 13:	
3:00p - 5:30p	- Steer Entry
6:00p - 8:00p	- Creative Life Skills Entry (NON-FOOD ITEMS)
Saturday, March 14:	
7:00a - 10:00a	- Swine Entry
9:00a - 11:00a	- Creative Life Skills Entry
10:30a - 11:00a	- Livestock Judging Registration
11:00a	- Livestock Judging Events
1:00p	- Creative Life Skills Exhibits Judging
3:00p	- Home Grown Steer Show
4:00p - 5:00p	- Release of Creative Life Skills - PERISHABLE FOOD ENTRIES
5:00p	- Market Steer Showmanship
After Market	- Feeder Steer Showmanship
Sunday, March 15:	
1:00p	- BBQ Contest Entry
Posted of Entry	- BBQ Contest
1:30p	- SRF Alumni Show Registration
2:00p	- Alumni Steer Show
3:00p	- Alumni Swine Show
Monday, March 16:	
8:30a	- Swine Showmanship
After Swine	- Open Talent Show
9:00a - 3:00p	- Creative Life Skills Open For Review
5:00 p	- Swine Show
Tuesday, March 17:	
8:30a	- Feeder Steer Show
9:00a - 3:00p	- Creative Life Skills Open For Review
1:30p	- Market Steer Show
3:00p - 5:00p	- Release of Creative Life Skills
6:00p	- Fashion Review
Wednesday, March 18:	
9:30a	- Sale
12:00p	- Buyers Luncheon
1:30p	- Sale

**PLEASE GO TO [HTTP://MYSRF.ORG](http://mysrf.org) FOR NEW AND UPDATED INFORMATION**

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CLUB

Even though it was a bit chilly outside, the Outdoor Adventure Club went kayaking at Three Sisters Springs in Crystal River ...and yes, they did see lots of manatees.



## LEVY STEM EXPLORERS



On Saturday, Jan 24th, the Levy STEM Explorers gathered to investigate the mysteries of DNA, heredity, and genetics. As a part of these activities our youth built paper dogs from inherited genetic traits, and models of the DNA molecule using colorful candies and toothpicks. Enriching the experience was a presentation on developmental biology focusing on how dinosaurs evolved from scales to feathers to become birds by graduate students Kelsey Lewis, Pauline Fontaine, and Bonnie Kircher of the Cohn Laboratory at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Florida. They also made available some great hands-on activities, exhibits, and books for our 4Hers to experience. Many thanks to them for their time and efforts!

# 4-H Calendar

## MARCH

- 5-7 SUWANNEE RIVER FAIR
- 13-18 SUWANNEE RIVER FAIR
- 23 COUNTY COUNCIL 6:30  
PROJECT DEMO WORKSHOP

## APRIL

- 9 - 12 LEVY COUNTY FAIR
- 13 COUNTY EVENTS DEADLINE
- 25 COUNTY EVENTS  
EXTENSION OFFICE, BRONSON

## MAY

- 9 DISTRICT EVENTS  
BRONSON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



# MARCH MATCHES

- 7 State Rifle Contest  
Hernando Sportsman Club, Brooksville
- 14 State Archery Contest  
Easton Newberry Sports Complex, Newberry
- 21 State Shotgun Contest  
Polk County Trap & Skeet, Winter Haven
- 28 State Hunting & Muzzle-Loading Contest  
FWC Tenoroc Facility, Lakeland

## COUNTY EVENTS REGISTRATION FORM - APRIL 25, 2015

**DEADLINE  
APRIL 13**

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_ AGE (as of 9/1/14): \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CLOVERBUD \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_ INTERMEDIATE \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR

### EVENTS I WILL BE ENTERING (You may check off TWO real time categories)

\_\_\_\_\_ DEMONSTRATION/ILLUSTRATED TALK

(May enter unlimited demonstrations, attach additional sheet of paper to register additional categories)

Demonstration Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Demonstration: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Teammate (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING (Copy of speech due April 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ HORSE PUBLIC SPEAKING (Copy of speech due April 13)

\_\_\_\_\_ CREED CONTEST (For 1<sup>st</sup> year 4-Hers)

\_\_\_\_\_ POSTER ART CONTEST -Posters DUE to the 4-H Office by Monday April 13.

\_\_\_\_\_ PHOTO CONTEST - Photos DUE to the 4-H Office by Monday April 13.

\_\_\_\_\_ FASHION REVUE - CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_ (categories on webpage)

\_\_\_\_\_ SHARE THE FUN Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

